1976 Christmas Seals Feature 'Sealscape'

A panoramic view of Christmas activities in a typical small town at the turn of the century covers the entire sheet of 1976 Christmas Seals now in the mail. Contributors to the Virginia Lung Association's Central Region in Farmville, Va. should have received at this time traditional remainders of the needs of lung disease patients in the state.

Mrs. L. Essex Moseley, honorary Christmas Seal Campaign Chairman for the Virginia Lung Association Central Region, said, "Christmas Seals have made it possible during the last 69 years to raise money to fight tuberculosis, emphysema, asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other breath robbers.

"It is once again the time of year," she went on, "to give thought to those who may not enjoy good health during the holiday season. Your contribution to Christmas Seals will be used to help lung disease patients breathe easier and enjoy a fuller life all year round. Please be generous. It's a matter of life and breath."

Christmas Seals are currently supporting Virginia Lung Association medical education programs such as a teaching professorship in lung diseases at Eastern Virginia Medical School; fellowships for residents studying lung diseases at the Medical College of Virginia and the University of Virginia Medical Center; scholarships and grants designed to expand professional knowledge among physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and paramedical professionals.

Those needing more information about the 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign or desiring Christmas Seals may call or come by the Virginia Lung Association Central Regional headquarters at 107 Main St. in Farmville. The telephone number is 392-4136.

The Central Region of the Virginia Lung Association serves the following areas: Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward and the Cities of Danville and Lynchburg.

FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAM AT RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. there will be a slide program about the Southern Baptist work in Indonesia presented by Mrs. Irene Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes has visited several mission points there. She will wear a native dress and have a display of articles from the country.

This program is part of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission and Lottie Moon Offering.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

We are so excited about Christmas. We hope you will come to see us this year. We have been good (most of the time)!

My name is Scott. I would like a guitar, some records, and a fire truck (a BIG one). I am six years old.

My name is Susie. I would like a fiddle, a big doll baby, and a stove for Christmas. I am two years old.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Scott & Susie Wright

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Thank you, Ralph D. King

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A LIVELY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

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Father Darkleaf

by Calvin Robinson

Frost was so heavy Monday morning that when Brightleaf looked out she wondered if we hadn't had a light snow overnight. I do not have a garage and it takes me a chilly longwhile to clear the car windshield and windows. But the main thing is to get started and thus far I have made it.

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Christmas mailings have begun, and as always the post office people will do a good job, and, heavens to Betsy, I received a post card yesterday from my friends, Calhoun and Toma Moore and the dateline was "Plains, Ga." Yes sir. On the reverse side the main street of Plains was pictured. The town has 683 population. Not far from Albany and Americus. My aunt-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Robinson lives in Americus and Dave Cyrus, former baseball player on Appomattox's famed Green Sox team, moved to Albany. However, I am planning no trip to Georgia.

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Welcome to incoming local officials. W. R. Britton, Jr., a native of Charlottesville and recently Farmville's building inspector, will be the new Appomattox Town Manager. And Luis E. Garcia Curbele, a native of Puerto Rico and recently at The Statue of Liberty National Monument in New York, is the new Superintendent at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. He succeeds H. Gilbert Lusk, who is now at Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania.

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I have three volunteer persimmon trees alongside my garden. Do not know how they got there but they have been bearing this year. Have not eaten any, a I just do not care for persimmons.

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And I note that one of my neighbors has some old-fashioned rabbit box traps set up. Do not know if any rabbits have been caught, but as a boy I caught many a rabbit in my homemade rabbit box. Never had any luck using snares. A piece of apple seems to be the best bait.

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The Staunton River Historical Society met Sunday afternoon, with a program on The Town of Ridgeway. I am a member but could not attend. In fact, I do not get to many meetings anymore and that is why I really appreciate friends sending me tips for this column.

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Business is good in Appomattox! Crowds at local stores and markets and they are really buying. Tobacco is selling very well and Christmas shopping is peaking. I note that the state gas tax will pour some $260 million into the treasury for 1976. The previous high was $246.2 million in 1973. The Bicentennial Year has been a good one. Now let us wind it up with everyone having a great family Christmas.

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Do you remember...when people bought flour by the barrel and sugar by the 100 pound bag...when company came you would rush to put on a white tablecloth...when you had to crank the Model T to get started...when candy taffy pulling was the climax of a party...when people made their own Christmas tree decorations...when ladies used muffs to keep their hands warm.... when the going price for a newspaper was five cents..... when a chain store was a place where they sold chains...when friends swapped Victrola records...when a crowd gathered at the depot to watch the trains come in...do you remember?

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Our rescue squad and firemen have been kept busy. Support them. And shop our advertisers. thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Luis E. Garcia-Curbelo

Park Service Names New Superintendent

Luis E. Garcia-Curbelo has been named National Park Service (NPS) superintendent of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Va.

Benjamin J. Zerbey, acting regional director of the Service's Mid-Atlantic Region, announced the appointment, effective Dec. 5.

Garcia, 49, succeeds H. Gilbert Lusk, who recently became the first NPS superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pa., which became a unit of the National Park System this past July.

Appomattox Court House was the scene of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Confederacy's largest field army to Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865, bringing an end to the Civil War.

A native of Santurce, Puerto Rico, Garcia comes to his new post from Statue of Liberty National Monument, N.Y.-N.J., where he has been superintendent since 1974. He began his NPS career in 1965 as a construction and maintenance representative at San Juan National Historic Site, San Juan, P. R. In 1970, he

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Lions Club To Sponsor Tommy Dorsey Orchestra Concert

Pamplin. Get your ticket early and be assured of a good seat.

Members of the Appomattox Lions Club will present the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra in concert on December 16th at the Appomattox County High School.

The band, under the direction of Murray McEachern, produces a rythmetic blend of instruments that brings to life once more original Tommy Dorsey arrangements that you will not want to miss hearing.

Advance tickets are $5.00 each or $6.00 for reserved seats and $6.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of the Lions Club, at Farmers National Bank, downtown; Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch; Appomattox Drug Store; or at R & K Grocery in

COMMUNITY - EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET FOR DEC. 9th

An organizational meeting of the Community and Educational Council for Appomattox County High School will be held on 12-9-76 at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Library. We call on interested citizens to come and participate, representing your local neighborhood in ideas and services to promote wholesome recreation and enrichment activities for Appomatox County students. Your school system is fully in favor of and working with this organization. There will be open discussion so you may voice your ideas and direction of needs.

H. Cloud Abernathy
Organizational Chairman

Bellringers Collecting For Mental Health

Mrs. Donald B. Gilliam of Pamplin has announced that four Bellringer workers will go house-tohouse during December collecting for mental health.

Mrs. Gilliam is Bellringer Chairperson for the drive benefiting the Mental Health Association of Virginia (MHAV)

As a voluntary agency, MHAV works on behalf of the mentally and emotionally disturbed and to promote mental health. The Association is not a state agency and exists entirely

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Daniel Schedules Workshops

Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel has announced a schedule of four workshop sessions with constituents.

Sessions of interest to our readers include one on Monday, December 13th at the District Office in Farmville from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; the second workshop will be on Tuesday, December 14th at the Court House in Cumberland from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.; the third on Tuesday, December 14th at the Clerk's Office in Buckingham from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.; and then the fourth is scheduled for Appomattox from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the Board Room at the Clerk's Office.

At each stop any resident of the Fifth District who has a problem with any Federal Agency or wishes to discuss legislation to come before Congress may see Congressman Daniel without prior appointment.

POST OFFICE ADDS EXTRA HOLIDAY HOURS

Mrs. Ora McCoy, Appomattox Postmaster, has announced that the Appomattox Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, December 11th and on Saturday December 18th for the convenience of postal customers.

Regular business hours will be in effect Mondays through Fridays. The post office is normally closed all day on Saturday.

Elected C Of C President

BILL SLAGLE

William S. "Bill" Slagle was elected President of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber of directors meeting held Tuesday November 30th.

Slagle was formerly Town Manager for Appomattox and is presently with Virginia Fibre as Community Relations Manager. He is a graduate of VPI and is a native of Appomattox.

Slagle stated his hope of increasing the membership base for the Chamber of Commerce in 1977 and in working actively toward Chamber of Commerce objectives in support of Appomattox Community.

Other officers elected for 1977 were Francis Elliott, Vice President; Bruce Cowan, Secretary; and Floyd Williams, Treasurer.

The next Chamber of Commerce Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th, and following that meeting the Chamber directors will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month.

Brems Council, CVCC, State To Co-Sponsor Program Co-Sponsor

The Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, the Central Virginia Community College and the State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services will co-sponsor an EM Instructor Update program to be held at CVCC on Sat., Dec. 18

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The morning session will be devoted to presentations on teaching methods and trainings aids available to volunteer instructors through Virginia's Community colleges, and is open to all types of instructors in the EMS area. Faculty includes Mr. Ron Coleman, M.Ed., Virginia Western Community College "Jr. Jerry Holt, CVCC, Mrs. Beatrice Wallace, M.S., Southside Virginia Community College, and Dr. Fred Fralick, CVCC.

The afternoon session will be open only to emergency medical technician lay instructors and will count for their required three years recertification. Speakers include Ms. Susan McHenry, director, State Bureau of EMS, Mr. Ken Mutter, State Training Officer, and Mr. Bill Kidd, member of the State EMS Advisory Committee Task Force on Manpower and Training.

Invitations are being mailed to the state's 234 EMT lay instructors, who are asked to advise their associate instructors in other areas of the morning session.

Vendors of various types of emergency and rescue equipment have been asked to come to the program and display their products.

December 18: To be held at CVCC, cosponsored by the Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, CVCC and the state Bureau of EMS. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Part 1: 8:30 - 11:45. Open to instructors in all areas of EMS. Faculty and topics to include the following.

1. **Adult Learning Strategies.** Mr. Ron Coleman, Assistant Director of Continuing Education, Virginia Western Community College.

2. **Evaluation and Testing.** Mrs. Beatrice Wallace, Coordinator for Learning Laboratories, Southside Community College.

3. **Audiovisual Aids Available Through Community Colleges.** Dr. Jerry Holt, Director of Learning Resources, CVCC.

Part II: 1:00 - 4:00. Open only to EMT lay instructors, this part is accredited by the state for recertification. Faculty include Ms. Susan McHenry, Director of the state Bureau of

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School Board Hears Report On Appomattox Primary School

The Appomattox County School Board heard a report on the Appomattox Primary School at its meeting on Monday afternoon, December 6, 1976.

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, met with the Board for general discussion regarding the school's operational & instructional program. She reviewed with the Board the objectives of the primary school for the 1976-77 session and stated that she was excited about the progress of the school.

Among a number of areas discussed, she attributed much of the success of the school to a competent and dedicated staff and supporting and cooperative parents. The staff is in the final stage of a self-study program of the Southern Association of Colleges and School and fifty-five parents are in a volunteer program organized by the school. Because of the success of the program, Mrs. Torrence was asked to present details of the organization and operation of the program to the State Department of Education Conference of Elementary Principals at an annual meeting the latter part of November.

The superintendent discussed with the Board a recommendation from a committee of teachers and parents of Appomattox County High School regarding health textbooks for grades 9 and 10. Textbooks recommended:

INVESTIGATING YOUR HEALTH, By B. F. Miller and Others, Houghton Mifflin Company, For Grade 9.

MODERN HEALTH, by James Otto and Others, Holt Rinehart and Winston, For Grade 10.

No decision was made regarding the purchase of these books. With limited funds available, the superintendent will discuss with the principal and Appomattox County High School health teachers the minimum materials which will be required to meet the instructional needs. A report will be made at a later School Board meeting.

A review of the school budget revealed that expenditures and income through November, 1976, are in line with previous projections. A total of $2,670,450.00 of the School Board Budget is committed. This leaves a balance of $377,943.00 to cover all other operating costs from December through June 30, 1977.

On December 1, 1976 the average daily membership for the school system was 2852. This is an increase of [illegible] the projected figure used for budget purposes last spring.

The Board reviewed guidelines for adoption of textbooks for the school system. Regular textbooks to be adopted this year to be used for the next six years include elementary reading, spelling and writing and secondary science.

Committees at the local level will study the matrials adopted at the State level and recommend one or more programs in each area for use in Appomattox County Schools. The committee recommendations will be considered by the School Board in April.

Upon the request of Mr. Donald Armentrout and the recommendation of the superintendent the school board approved a senior trip to Atlanta. The trip will involve two school days and a weekend. Students will be responsible for the cost of the trip except for transportation. The class has approximately $2000 now and will need either an additional $1500 to $2000, depending upon the number, to defray transportation expenses. This arrangement will result in the need for a reasonable number of senior class money making activities.

Mr. Hugh Johnson, Armstrong Cork representative, appeared before the Board to request an easement on school property for an outlet road for his company. The area in question is on the edge of the Appomattox Primary School grounds in a wooded area. The road would intersect with Ferguson Street on the west side of Appomattox Primary School.

The Board authorized the superintendent to work with the Commonwealth Attorney regarding the granting of an easement without cost to the School Board.

The Board continued its discussion with representatives of the Boosters Club regarding improvements at Appomattox County High School. Members present were Bill Jamerson, John Thomas Paulette and Hugh Johnson.

The School Board and Boosters Club agreed to work as a team to acomplish the desired improvements to the track and baseball field. Technical and financial assistance will be provided by the Boosters Club in this cooperative enterprise. Financial support of $2000 will be provided by the School Board to assist with improvements to the track. The baseball field will be improved by the School Board which was included as a part of the 1976-77 program.

The next meeting of the Board was set for Monday, January 10, 1977 at 3:00 P.M. in the School Board Office.

W. R. Britton, Jr. Named Appomattox Town Manager

W. R. Britton, Jr., Farmville building inspector, will be the new Appomattox Town Manager.

Mayor Henry B. Pack has confirmed that Britton has resigned his present post, effective after Christmas, to assume the Appomattox post vacated in October by William S. Slagle.

Britton, a native of Charlottesville, is a 1968 graduate of Lane High School in Charlottesville and received his B.S. degree in 1972 from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Britton has been with the town of Farmville for two years, being employed since 1974 as Farmville's building inspector and administrator of zoning and subdivision ordinances. He worked with a Farmville construction firm for two years prior to that.

Britton is married to the former Robin Hummer, a native of Lancaster, Pa., and a graduate of Longwood College. For the present they will reside in the town of Farmville.

He will assume his duties in Appomattox effective January 7, 1977.

Randolph Hydro-Electric Complex Moves Ahead

A coal-fueled steam plant, with a cooling lake, designed to produce from 600 to 1,800 megawatts of electricity, looms as the first phase in the Randolph Hydro-Electric Project in Charlotte County and the surrounding area. Robert V. Southworth, the project Coodinator, said recently.

"This plant will produce ten times as much electricity as is needed to serve the 25,000 consumers now on the lines of the Southside Electric Cooperative. The project will generate electricity at a rate comparable to any rate-cost figure for electricity on any system," Mr. Southworth said.

He continued:

"This is the first objective in our plans to generate sufficient electric energy in a time when every possible source of electricity must be utilized to meet the growing demands with a feasible and efficient program.

"The engineers are satisfied that the cost factor in this development is in line with sound business principles. We are now moving to secure sales for this projected block of energy. Once this is firmed up, money markets will recognize the project as feasible, and construction funds, based on a sound amortized loan program, will be developed.

"We think this first phase will move from the drawing board to construction within the year, and it is possible to have electricity from the Randolph Project by 1982.

"The steam plant will be built about two miles west of Phenix, a mile off of Route #40. The "cooling lake" will be constructed on Cub Creek, five miles south of Phenix. These are approximate locations.

"The second phase will include the construction of several "pumped storage"

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Crumbs for Thought

By: Zeke

A babbling brook is nice to look at, it's noise is even enjoyable but it is the deep silent river that carries the boats and feeds the people. The smooth running engine makes little noise, but produces great power.

"The words of wisemen are heard in quiet more than the cry of him who ruleth among fools.

Eccl. 9:17

Winners In The Christmas Coloring Contest Announced

With Christmas only a little more than two weeks away it is once more time to announce the winners in the Times-Virginian Christmas Coloring Contest. With hundreds of children through age twelve participating in the contest sponsored by local merchants and businessmen, judging was indeed difficult.

The Times-Virginian is awarding three prizes of $10.00 in each of the following catagories: through age six; ages seven, eight, and nine; and the last group, ages ten, eleven, and twelve. In the first age group tup to and through six) the winner of the $10.00 prize is John Canada, age six of Route 1, Appomattox, Va.; winner of the second group (ages seven, eight and nine) is Nancy Cole, age eight, of Box 21, Appomattox, Va. who will also be awarded $10.00; in the final group, (ages ten, eleven and twelve) Cornelius Davis age eleven, of Route 1, Appomattox was declared winner and will also receive $10.00.

Our heartiest congratulations to the winners and to all who entered the contest. Of one thing there is no doubt - Appomattox has a lot of really talented young people of whom we are justly proud!

Westvaco Forester, Roy Cheatham, helps put up a Christmas display.

Westvaco Puts Up Christmas Display

Westvaco employees have erected a new display outside their Court Street Office. "We are hoping that the display will encourage people to use and enjoy live trees this Christmas", said Westvaco forester Roy Cheatham. He pointed out that young, healthy Christmas tree plantations add to the well-being of the environment by tempering wind, screening dust, preventing soil erosion, and providing wildlife habitat. Next spring Christmas tree growers will replace the trees cut with new seedlings.

Some folks have turned to plastic or tensil Christmas trees to avoid the danger of a drying-out cut tree. Dry trees are a very real fire threat that should not be ignored, but the solution to this problem need not be an artificial tree. A live tree will retain its needles and good looks for several weeks if care is used in selecting one that is freshly-cut and steps taken to keep it fresh.

When buying a tree, give the needles a freshness test. Fresh needles, when bent, will flex rather than break. Next lift the tree several inches from the ground and bring it down sharply on the stump end. If more than a couple of needles fall, start looking around for another tree. Checking the stump end will also give an indication of freshness, with recently cut trees tending to be wet and sticky with sap rather than smooth and dry.

To keep your tree safe through the yule season, make a fresh diagonal cut at the end of the stump right before

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